

It's easy to put off investing. The common perception is that if you don't have enough money to invest now, it's better to contribute more later. But in fact, one of the best ways to build wealth is to start early – even if it's only a small amount.

Susan makes ten annual contributions of \$5,000 and receives an 8% annual return. She stops investing after ten years, and holds on to the investment for a further ten years, at an 8% annual return.

John makes ten annual contributions of \$10,000 at an 8% annual return. He ends up with less than Susan, even though he invested twice as much money, because he started later.

So the sooner you invest, the more time your money has to grow and benefit from the power of compounding.

\$200,000 \$150,000 Susan makes ten annual contributions of \$5,000 and receives an 8% annual return. \$100,000 She stops investing after ten years, and holds on to the investment for a further John makes ten ten years, at an 8% annual return. annual contributions of \$10,000 \$50,000 at an 8% annual return. He ends up with less than Susan, even though he invested twice as much money, because he started later. \$0 YEAR 1 YEAR 10 YEAR 20 **SUSAN** JOHN Years contributed 10 10 Years invested 20 10 Total amount contributed \$50,000 \$100,000 Total amount at the end of the period \$168,887 \$156,455

The power of compounding

This example assumes an 8% annual return during years invested. The rate of return shown is used to illustrate the effects of the compound growth rate and is not intended to reflect future values of the fund or returns on investment in any fund.

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